



Government Operations & Audit
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Senator Phyllis Heineman
2005 S. Phillips
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105

Dear Senator Heineman:

Thank you for your willingness to provide information on Senate Bill 159 at the November 22, 2016 Government Operation and Audit Committee meeting. There are a number of questions the Committee has on this topic and those questions are:

- The total tax credit dollars received by companies that have contributed to the scholarship program.
- The number of contributing companies participating in the program.
- The total number of applicants for the scholarships.
- The number of students awarded scholarships.
- For those applicants that did not receive scholarships, what was the primary reason they were not awarded the scholarships.
- The average scholarship awarded.
- What percentage of total student educational costs do these scholarships provide?
- What schools are the scholarship recipients attending?
- Which schools, if any, have lost students as a result of this scholarship program?
- Who is on the scholarship selection committee?
- What entity is handling the funds and how was that entity selected?

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Flannery with the Department of Legislative Audit at 773-3595.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Tidemann". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Senator Larry Tidemann, Chair
Government Operations and Audit Committee